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Hon. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 F Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

This refers to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 253X), Union Pacific Railroad Company--Abandonment Exemption--in Colorado and Wharton Counties, TX and to the Board's Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment served March 24, 2008.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas ("METRO") are making good progress negotiating the interim trail/rail banking agreement, but they do not believe that it will have been signed by the current deadline date of September 14, 2008.

METRO respectfully requests a brief extension of the negotiating period to October 31, 2008.

As counsel for METRO, I have spoken with counsel for UP, Gabe Meyer, Esq., and I am authorized to state that UP concurs in the extension request.

I certify that I have served a copy of this letter upon UP by e-mailing a copy to its counsel.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

cc: Gabe Meyer, Esq.
Cassie B. Stinson, Esq.

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